

Crystal Cable TV, Inc
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Answer to Complaint RE: Grey Television vs. Crystal Cable TV, Inc.

On or about May 2010 I had a telephone conversation with the General Manager of Grey Television WILX TV10 Michael King regarding retransmission consent and specifically the non network duplication requirements with respect to WOOD TV 8 Grand Rapids.

I indicated at that time Crystal Cable TV, Inc customer base in our resort community had strong ties to the Lansing market since many of our customer's primary residence was the greater Lansing area.

We had discussions about the possibility of filing with the FCC a significantly viewed statement for WILX TV10. Further that Crystal Cable TV, Inc. may desire to drop WOOD TV8 in exchange for WILX TV10 as our exclusive NBC network programming provider since Crystal Cable TV, Inc had previously had a retrans consent agreement with WILX TV10.

In addition we discussed the option of continued carriage of WILX TV10 for local content if Crystal Cable TV, Inc could blackout NBC network prime time programming in accordance with WOOD TV8 non network duplication status for NBC programming. Mr. King agreed to look into providing a retrans consent proposal where Crystal Cable TV, Inc was blacking out NBC prime time programming. It was agreed that Crystal Cable TV could continue carriage of WILX TV10 until a new retransmission consent agreement could be negotiated so long as we were complying with the WOOD TV8 non network duplication requirement. Clearly the issue was establishing a fee schedule based on partial signal retrans since we were blacking out NBC programming from WILX TV10 and the issue of carriage only as a standard definition signal since Crystal Cable TV, Inc. could not offer HDTV..

I received no further communication or proposal from Mr King or WILX TV10 on this matter until the complaint was received from Dow & Lohnes last fall. I assumed we were not worth his time

Therefore I believe this complaint is unfounded and baseless as WILX TV10 had full knowledge of our carriage of their modified signal. I requested a retransmission consent proposal and was given verbal approval to continue carriage until a new retrans consent agreement could be completed.

The complaint merits no further action by the FCC. Crystal Cable TV has ceased retrans of WILX TV10 signal as of the date of the original complaint.

Further Crystal Cable TV, Inc. will cease operations March 1, 2013 as there is no financial feasibility to continue operation of an analog standard definition system with less than 300 customers.

Mark Winslow
former General Manager for Crystal Cable TV, Inc.